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SUBJECT: ANTI-AHMADI AGITATION IN PAKISTAN: CONGRESSIONAL  
- INTEREST

REF: (A) ISLAMABAD 9452; (B) PESHAWAR 565; (C) ISLAMABAD  
- 8950; (D) KARACHI 3493

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT).

2. DEPARTMENT COMMENDS POSTS FOR DETAILED, TIMELY REPORT-  
ING ON AHMADI SITUATION, WHICH HAS PROVIDED NECESSARY BACK-  
GROUND FOR ADVISORY OPINIONS ON ASYLUM APPLICATIONS AND  
FOR DEPARTMENT RESPONSES TO AN INCREASING NUMBER OF  
CONGRESSIONAL AND PUBLIC INQUIRIES.

3. AMERICAN AHMADI LEADERS HAVE MET WITH NEA AND HA OF-  
FICERS TO PLEAD FOR USG INTERVENTION WITH THE GOP TO PRO-  
TECT PAKISTANI AHMADIS FROM PERSECUTION BY ISLAMIC EXTRE-  
MISTS AND FROM FURTHER LEGAL RESTRICTIONS. DISCLAIMING ANY  
DESIRE TO DAMAGE US-PAKISTAN RELATIONS, AMERICAN AHMADI  
SPOKESMEN HAVE TOLD DEPTOFFS THAT AMERICAN DIPLOMATIC IN-  
TERVENTION NOW MIGHT PERSUADE GOP THAT ITS INTERESTS ARE  
BEST SERVED BY RESISTING DEMANDS FOR ANTI-AHMADI MEASURES.  
(FYI: AMERICAN AHMADI COMMUNITY NUMBERS SOME 20,000,

MOSTLY PAKISTAN-ORIGIN OR BLACK AMERICANS.)

4. AHMADI REPRESENTATIVES HAVE BEEN TO SEE SEVERAL  
CONGRESSMEN, INCLUDING CONGRESSMAN LONG WHO HAS PROMISED TO  
RAISE AHMADI CONCERNS WITH FOREIGN MINISTER YAQUB DURING  
LATTER'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON (MAY 20-25). AMERICAN  
AHMADIS INDICATED THEY WOULD APPROACH CONGRESSMAN SOLARZ  
AS WELL.

5. ACTION REQUESTED: REQUEST POST'S COMMENTS ON ADVISABI-  
LITY OF AN INFORMAL APPROACH TO THE GOP, EXPRESSING HUMANI-  
TARIAN CONCERN IN THE WELFARE OF A VULNERABLE RELIGIOUS  
MINORITY AND NOTING EXPRESSIONS OF CONCERN WE HAVE RECEIVED  
FROM AMERICAN AHMADIS.

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END OF MESSAGE

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